Difficulties in procuring urea for Rabi Crop.

6598. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers are facing difficulties in getting sufficient urea for this Rabi crop and have to purchase it in black market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Rabi 1995-96 season will commence on 1st October 95. During the Rabi 1994.95 season, except for temporary and localised shortages in some States, the overall availability of urea in the country was adequate with reference to the assessed demand of the States as reflected in the allocation made for the sason under he Essential commodities Act, 1955 (ECA) These localised shortages arose due to low opening stocks for Rabi 1994-95 change in the demand pattern induced by favourable metrological conditions, production cutbacks in some units, occasional slippages in the arrival of vessels of imported urea and movement problems.

(c) The following steps were taken to improve the availability of urea during the last Rabi season:

(i) The indigenous production of urea was optimised by deferment of the shutdown and revival of production in the 3 sick units of Hindustan Fertiliser Limited (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI).

(ii) The pace of arrival of imported urea was stepped up and its handling at ports expedited.

(iii) Despatches of urea from plants/ports were accelerated.

(iv) Monthly despatches of urea were programmed in consultation with the State Governments and the supplies were intensively monitored to ensure timely and equitable distribution of the available material in conformity with the current demand of the States.

Formulation of Admission Policy in Engineering and Medical Colleges

6599. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a uniform policy for admission to engineering and medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The All India Council for Technical Education and Medical Council of India are statutory authorities respectively for Technical and Medical Education. Admission to Engineering and Medical Colleges are, therefore, governed by the regulations of these authorities.

गुजरात में जनजातीय शिक्षा योजना

6600. श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने वर्ष 1994–95 के लिए राज्य में जन-जातीय शिक्षा हेतु 70 करोड़ रुपए आबंटित किए हैं;